SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

Please add the following <u>new</u> heading and paragraph at page 1, line 15:

Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application hereby incorporates by reference and claims benefit of U.S. Application No. 09/475,716, filed 12/30/1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,654,384.

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 6-9, with the following amended paragraph:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/475,642, Express Mail Mailing No. EL 524 780018 US, now U.S. Patent No. 6,650,623, filed December 30, 1999 in the name of Subir Varma, Khuong Ngo, Jean Fuentes, Paul Truong, and Reza Majidi-Ahy, attorney docket number 164.1002.01, titled "Adaptive Link Layer for Point to Multipoint Communication System."